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Haldeman (appeal of conviction) - Lawyers for Haldeman appeal his Watergate coverup conviction, in papers filed with U.S. Court of Appeals. They claim that pretrial publicity made a fair trial impossible since he was tried in an atmosphere "supersaturated with the utter assumption of guilt. They also accuse Judge Sirica of pretrial maneuvering calculated to help the prosecution.

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- See also entry, Nixon (tapes).

Nixon (tapes) - "One reason Richard M. Nixon is fighting so hard to gain custody of the celebrated White House tape recordings, apparently, is to spare himself new embarrassments.

"Sources privy to conversations inside the Oval Office ... recall some political discussions that [Nixon] might want to keep out of the history books.

"There was blunt, bold talk, for example, of 'one-man rule' and of Nixon's 'right' to run the country, our sources recall. These discussions were usually initiated, say our sources, by [Haldeman], who constantly sought to bolster the power of the White House....

"During these discussions Nixon not only agreed but made impulsive, intemperate remarks, our sources report. The language might even give rise to charges that he sought dictatorial powers. Our sources doubt, however, that Nixon intended to go as far as the taped conversations might indicate. They blame Haldeman who, they say, had an appetite for power.

"But they heard enough of the conversations to understand why Nixon would like first crack at the tapes before they become part of the permanent history of his administration.

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"We ... contend that Nixon cannot be trusted to screen the conversations. [From context, this refers to Anderson's suit for access to Nixon tapes.] We need only cite the White House transcripts he released on April 29, 1974 - the nation discovered later that they had been doctored and distorted."

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Nixon ("one-man rule") - See entry, Nixon (tapes).